

that Ichikawa was suffering from high-altitude sickness in Camp III and we descended. On June 23 we carried him to Camp I but he died of pulmonary edema on the 24th. Our expedition was over.

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*Kuksar, Batura Karakoram.* This previously unattempted peak, which lies at the head of the Batura Glacier in the northwestern Karakoram, was climbed in July. Success was marred by a fatal accident which during the descent befell the two members who reached the summit. The expedition members were Tim Hurrell, leader, Steve Brodrick, Martin Gledhill and me. Following extensive reconnaissance, we attempted the peak alpine style from Advance Base at 17,725 feet by a broad couloir in its southwest flank, followed by the short ridge. An attempt by Gledhill and me was aborted at 21,000 feet. On July 19 Brodrick and Hurrell reached the summit (6934 meters, 22,750 feet) after two bivouacs. On July 20, on their descent, they were swept to their deaths by an avalanche in the couloir. We found their bodies on July 22 and buried them in a crevasse. A diary and films were found, which authenticated the ascent. Poor snow conditions and unsettled weather prevailed throughout the expedition. The area, despite a tedious glacier approach, offers a number of attractive, unclimbed peaks of 21,325 to 23,625 feet.

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*Saraghrar Northwest II.* Our expedition was composed of Enrique Lucas, Ricardo Herrero, Nil Bohigas, Néstor Bohigas, Antonio García, Joan Martí and me as leader. We climbed the southwest buttress of Saraghrar Northwest II without oxygen, without high-altitude porters, without high camps nor tents. We established Base Camp on July 13 at 14,100 feet at the junction of the Rosh Gol Glacier and a tributary glacier southwest of the Saraghrar group. After depositing supplies at 15,900 feet on July 14, we started on the face at 16,100 feet on July 15 and had placed Advanced Base at 17,225 feet by July 19. By August 2 we had fixed rope to 19,700 feet. From August 4 to 8 we moved up the buttress, bivouacking at 19,000, 20,850, 21,325, 22,475 and 23,000 feet. The climbing was difficult. On August 9 Enrique Lucas, Nil Bohigas and I climbed to the summit of Sargahrar Northwest II (7200 meters, 23,622 feet), which we reached at ten A.M. The peak we climbed is the fourth one west of the highest summit. The third and fourth are Saraghrar Northwest, which has two tops. The more easterly one, which we did not climb, is about 100 meters higher than our top.

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*Nanga Parbat, Northwest Ridge Attempt and Tragedy.* Our expedition, sponsored by the Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research, was international. The members were Harald Nevé, leader, and Richard Franzl, *Austrians*, Albrecht Baumgartner, Dr. Peter Forrer, Fredy Graf, Hans Howald and Marcel